

Haggard New Mayor; Ballot Contest Looms

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WEATHER

Forecasts are for sunny afternoons today and tomorrow with little change in temperature. High Thursday near 76. Water temperatures at nearby beaches will be near 60 degrees.

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Slight Change In Mail Service Due

Home Mail Sliced To One A Day

Only slight postal changes, and then not immediately, will be noted in Torrance as a result of the recently announced curtailment of mail deliveries, it was revealed by Postmaster Mrs. Clara Conner, yesterday.

Mrs. Conner stated that the recent letter of instruction from Postmaster General Donaldson allowed local postal authorities until July 1 to make necessary cutbacks in carrier deliveries.

Only sections of Torrance which will be affected by the economy move will be those residential sections of the city now receiving two deliveries a day.

The business and commercial routes will continue to receive twice-a-day deliveries, she said.

Window hours at the post office will remain unchanged, since the hours already conform to the ultimatum.

Pick-up of mail from drop-boxes will be made so as to allow all mail to be in the post office by 8:30 p.m. An early morning collection will be made to pick up any mail dropped during the night.

No layoff of any of the 18 carriers is expected, in spite of the new one-trip system.

Mrs. Conner claimed that new routes occasioned by the many new tracts of houses being built at the present time will likely absorb the carriers who might have been laid off by the postal order.

Jaycee Liaison to Senior C. of C. Approved at Meet

Charles Schultz Jr. has been approved by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as a representative from the Junior Chamber of Commerce to serve as a coordinating director.

The action was taken at a meeting of the senior group last Monday afternoon.

Last week, Dean L. Sears, president of the Senior Chamber, was approved by the Juniors as a coordinating director in the exchange of representatives.

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SHERIFF GENE BISCAILUZ
... Service Clubs Speaker

Service Clubs Sponsor Annual Joint Meeting

Members of Torrance Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, and Rotary clubs will hold their annual joint service clubs meeting Monday evening beginning at 6:30 at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

Hosting the joint meeting this year will be the Torrance Kiwanis Club, whose regular meeting coincides with the joint event.

Kiwanis President Bob Haggard, the city's newly elected mayor, will open the meeting, and Dr. Don C. Moshos, president of the Lions Club, will be emcee for the evening.

Speaker for the joint meeting will be Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz. Subject of his address is not known.

Sharing head table honors with Dr. Moshos, Mayor Haggard and Sheriff Biscailuz will be Optimist President Tweed Jolly and Rotary President W. T. Tillotson.

Woman Reports \$119 Missing From Drawer

Mrs. Florence Simon, 1720 Andromeda avenue, told Police Office Captain Willard H. Haslam and Patrolman Donald Miller last Sunday that someone entered her home through the back door and stole \$119 from a dresser drawer.

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Route of Queen Parade Outlined

Saturday's parade will form at 220th street and Cabrillo avenue and will proceed north along Cabrillo avenue to Satori avenue, thence to Post avenue to Cravens avenue, past the city hall to Five Points, where the parade will disband.

Arlington avenue. The high-stepping majorette has the backing of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Zachary, 16-year-old Silver Skates Ice Skating Champion and daughter of Mr. and

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Schools Plan Open House for 'School Week'

The week of April 24 through April 28 has been proclaimed "Public Schools Week," according to a proclamation issued by Ellsworth Meyer, Grand Master of Masons in California.

Fred O. Bacon, master of the Torrance Lodge No. 447 F and AM, in conjunction with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, have arranged an "open house" throughout the Torrance school district during the week.

At this time, all departments of the elementary school will be open to the public, according to Bacon and Dr. Hull.

Programs at the various schools in Torrance will be as follows:

FERN AVENUE
Open house Thursday night, April 27, 7-8 p. m. followed by a PTA meeting and square dancing.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY
Regular PTA meeting Thursday, April 27, 7-8 p. m. followed by an open house for parents with each teacher on hand to greet those attending. Refreshments will be served at 9 p. m. in the auditorium.

PERRY ELEMENTARY
Room programs by the children. Invitations will be sent to parents to attend these programs. PTA meeting Tuesday, April 25, at 2 p. m. The girl's glee club and the school orchestra will perform at the meeting. Speaker for the affair is Jack Rouhan, district psychologist.

SEASIDE SCHOOL
Parent discussion groups in each classroom Thursday, April 27, 7-9 p. m.

WALTERIA SCHOOL
Room teas and special programs for each room. Special invitations will be sent the parents of all children.

HIGH SCHOOL
Open house all week long.



JAMES ROOSEVELT
... Plans Visit Here

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK HERE WED.

James Roosevelt, candidate for the governorship of California, will speak with local residents at an informal appearance at the Torrance Civic Center at 2 p. m. next Wednesday, April 26.

The gubernatorial candidate will be honored at a luncheon in the American Legion Hall at 1 p. m. preceding his sidewalk interviews on the same date, according to Nick Drale, chairman of the "Jimmy Roosevelt for Governor Committee of the 68th Assembly District.

Roosevelt will make a more formal appearance at 8:30 p. m. when he speaks at the Wilmington Bowl.

Other stopping points on his swing through the area include Watts, Gardena, Lomita, Wilmington, and San Pedro.

Members of the local committee headed by Drale include Kenny C. Beight, Glad Hall Jones, C. Ed. Jones, Howard J. Percy, Rosemary DeCamp Shidler, Mary Margaret O'Toole, and George Powell.

Roosevelt will speak from the rear of a truck built to resemble the observation platform of a train and which will be parked opposite El Prado park at Cravens avenue and El Prado.

Price of the luncheon is \$5 per plate.

Parked Car Broken Into; Clothing, Glasses Stolen

While his car was parked on Torrance Beach, someone broke the wind wing of his car and stole \$35 worth of clothing and sun glasses, Albert Medecott of Redondo Beach told Torrance Police last Saturday.

DRAFT JACKSON IN BOARD RACE

Phone Company Seeks New Rate Hike for Area

Increase in telephone rates in Torrance as well as in other areas of the state, has been requested by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in an application to the California Public Utilities Commission.

A. B. Smith, manager of the company, said that all telephones here would be placed on an extended service basis, which would provide all subscribers with the opportunity of toll-free calling to Lomita, Redondo, Compton, Hawthorne and San Pedro.

An adjustment is asked in the coin-box rate from five cents to 10 cents and in the message rate from 3½ cents to 4 cents a unit.

Examples of basic monthly charges at present and under the revisions are as follows:

Individual message rate for business—old rate, \$4.35; new rate, \$5.50. Two-party flat rate for residences—old rate, \$3; new rate, \$4. Four-party flat rate for residences—old rate, \$2.50; new rate, \$3.25.

Company officials gave their reasons for the proposed increase in the following statement:

"The number of telephones in service in California has more than kept pace with the last ten years' 54 percent population growth, out this accomplishment also produced grave financial problems. Our rate application is a necessity, in order that the company may soundly raise the million it needs for the growing communication needs of the people of California. State-wide rates applied for amount to about \$1,500,000 a month increase to the company after taxes and \$2,500,000 before corporate taxes.

"The background for our application includes the fact that expenses for employees of Pacific Telephone are \$100,000,000 more than they would be under 1939 wages and practices—one third more than all rate increases.



MAYOR BOB L. HAGGARD
... Studies Lines For New Role

Foes Hit At New Mayor

Bob L. Haggard was elected Mayor of Torrance by a 3-2 vote of the new council Tuesday night.

Following speeches by practically everyone but the new mayor himself, Haggard went into office after a motion to make Councilman George Powell mayor died for the want of a second.

Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr., getting his baptism of fire as a newly installed councilman, made the motion to make Haggard Mayor. It was seconded by Willys G. Blount, also making his debut as a councilman.

Haggard found himself in a compromising position. To prevent a two-way deadlock, since Councilman Nick Drale and Powell cast "no" votes, he was forced to cast the deciding ballot. A mayoralty candidate being forced to cast the deciding ballot is

common following such a hotly contested election as that of last week.

Though Spelman and Blount are officially seated as councilmen, it appears the action will not go unchallenged.

Albert Isen, attorney for Victor E. Benstead, said he would file a petition in Superior Court asking that a recount be made. He said he would file the action this week. Benstead missed winning a seat on the council by seven votes.

At the meeting Isen presented (Continued on Page 3)

4 To Run In B. of E. Election

Councilman Albert L. Jackson, hanging up the robes he has worn for the past four years on the City Council, turned last Tuesday night to find he had been drafted to run for the Torrance Board of Education on May 19.

Jackson's entry into the Board of Education race actually makes a race of the contest since only three candidates had filed to run for three seats on the five-man board.

Deadline time for filing was 5 p.m. yesterday evening.

Others seeking election to the board are all incumbents. They are:

Dr. Howard A. Wood, 1517 El Prado, president.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, 1544 Marcellina avenue and Judge John A. Shidler, 317 Camino de las Colinas, Hollywood Riviera.

All will be eligible for a full four-year term, according to a ruling of the county council.

Jackson's post was signed by James W. Pott, Sam Levy, W. H. Tolson, ex-Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr., Nick Drale, George A. Miller, Robert E. Lee, Don H. Hyde and W. E. Bowen.

Holdover members of the board include Mrs. Grace Wright and Carl Steele.

Cops Reap Man's 25 G's. Harvest Of Marijuana

A growth of marijuana valued at \$25,000 was nabbed in a raid on a Shoestring house late last Friday, according to state narcotic officers and local police.

Arrested in the raid by state officers was Garland F. Bessey, 47, of 21275 Haldale avenue.

Police said they found 25 plants resembling marijuana growing in Bessey's garden. Also confiscated was approximately a half pound of seed believed to be marijuana seed.

Assisting the state officers were Patrolmen D. C. Cogg and Hyman Fischer of the Torrance Police department.

The officials believe that the plants seized in the raid have been the source of supply of peddlers operating in the Harbor Area and particularly among the juvenile set.

The tip that the weed was growing in Bessey's yard came to local police thru an anonymous phone call, police said.

Knot on the Head Is Receipt for Aiding Thumbers

A knot on his head is all that Joe Cox, 1366 Madrid avenue, has to remind him of his kindness.

Cox told Torrance Police Officers Captain Frank Schumacher and Patrolman Gustav R. Bethwisch that he woke up near Hawthorne and Sepulveda boulevards with a knot behind his right ear, his wallet on the seat of his car, and \$33 missing.

He said he remembers picking up two hitchhikers at Lomita boulevard and Narbonne avenue and that is all before awaking to find his money and the hitchhikers gone.

Parade to Mark Queen Race Start

Five of the beauties seeking the title of Miss Torrance of 1950 will be formally introduced to the public this Saturday.

Beginning at 11 a.m. a parade through the central section of Torrance will make the start of the Fifth Annual Junior Women's Club Queen Contest.

Riding on floats provided by their sponsors will be the five title-seekers. Among them are: Sadie Hawks, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hawks, 2318 West 237th street, sponsored by the Torrance Teen Club.

Jackie Johnson, also 16, and daughter of a Torrance police sergeant, Swayne and Mrs. S. A. Johnson, 1726 1/2 Martina avenue. Jackie is sponsored by the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios.

Ann Mondor, 18-year-old senior at Torrance High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mondor, 2765 Gramercy avenue.



ROYAL GRINS . . . The five contestants for the Title of Miss Torrance of 1950 turn on their smiles for the Herald cameraman on the eve of the annual Queen contest which will start this Saturday with a parade through downtown Torrance. Pictured (left to right) are: Ann Mondor, Barbara Zachary, Sadie Hawks, Jackie Johnson, and Beverly Moore. —Herald Photo.

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